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### **MARRIOTT TO OPEN COURTYARD HOTEL IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

*New Design Features High Tech GoBoard™, Flexible Work and Social Spaces and a 24/7 Food and Beverage Market*

Bethesda, Maryland – September 22, 2009 – Marriott International, Inc. (NYSE:MAR; <http://www.marriott.com>) - Courtyard by Marriott is rolling out its new lobby and room design in San Antonio, Texas. This is the latest Courtyard featuring the “refreshing business” makeover. The 124-room Courtyard San Antonio Northwest at the RIM is scheduled to open this September. Located at 5731 Rim Pass Drive, the hotel will operate as a Marriott franchise, owned and managed by Concord Hospitality Enterprises of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Located 15 miles from the San Antonio International Airport and 20 minutes from downtown, the Courtyard San Antonio Northwest at the RIM offers guests convenient access to the San Antonio Riverwalk, Six Flags Fiesta Texas and SeaWorld. Rates begin at \$149 per night.

Courtyard by Marriott was the first lodging brand exclusively designed for business travel by business travelers. And now it has completely redefined the hotel lobby experience. This Marriott International “power brand” is fast-tracking its lobby makeover. The rest of the world is also getting a chance to experience the new lobby by visiting [www.gocourtyard.com](http://www.gocourtyard.com) – a highly interactive website.

“From day one, Courtyard has prided itself as a brand that listens to what business travelers want from a hotel,” said Brian King, vice president, Global Brand Manager, Courtyard by Marriott.

“Guests want more control and choice with services and amenities that create a healthy balance

between working and relaxing. We redefined the Courtyard lobby so it invites guests to get out of their rooms to work, socialize or for entertainment, whether traveling alone or with colleagues.”

The open, bright and contemporary new Courtyard hotel lobby welcomes guests with vivid contrasting colors, including blue, green, orange and red. The traditional front desk is replaced with separate welcome pedestals to create more personal and private interactions when guests check in. This will allow staff to move about to show guests the lobby features and provide assistance. Flexible seating options range from a communal table in the middle of the action, to more private media booths with high-definition televisions, to a more intimate, semi-enclosed lounge area.

A signature element of the new lobby is the exclusive Courtyard GoBoard™, a 52-inch LCD touch screen packed with local information, maps, weather, and news, business and sports headlines. Guests can navigate using the touch screen to find restaurants, local attractions and directions.

Guests can connect to free WiFi and there are ample electrical outlets throughout the lobby to power digital devices. The enlarged business library features several complimentary computer terminals along with a free printer and separate computer stations dedicated to printing airline boarding passes and checking flight status.

Dining has been completely redesigned with The Bistro – Eat. Drink. Connect.; offering casual, flexible seating; easier access to food and higher quality, healthier menu options for breakfast; and light evening fare, including snacks, wine and beer so guests can unwind. The Market™, a 24/7 shop for snacks, beverages and sundries, is always open for late-night cravings or the toothpaste you forgot to pack.

Guests looking to take their minds off work can grab a snack, their favorite beverage and take a seat in front of the large high-definition television located in the lounge to watch a variety of programming, including top news, business, sports and entertainment channels. They’ve added a welcoming outdoor element integrated into the lobby design that encourages guests to grab a beverage and get a breath of fresh air at the end of the day.

Adding to the lobby ambiance, the new Courtyard soundtrack will change throughout the day from upbeat in the morning to more casual in the evening.

Green has been Courtyard's signature color since Marriott launched the brand 25 years ago. Now it is even greener with the introduction of a guest recycling program for the environment.

The Courtyard San Antonio Northwest at the RIM is one of the first of the new lobby redesigns.

To take a video tour of our first lobby redesign click on the link.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mB05QhrG2s>

The five-story hotel offers 1,200 square feet of meeting space to accommodate meetings and functions of up to 75 people. Other guest facilities and services include the Bistro restaurant, serving breakfast, dinner and catered lunches in the meeting room, an outdoor island swimming pool with whirlpool spa, fitness center, guest laundry and business center.

Courtyard by Marriott is the leading select-service hotel brand in the United States. Providing guests with a combination of casual comfort and time saving services, Courtyard hotels feature large functional guest rooms and are conveniently situated where people travel. All Courtyards now offer free high-speed Internet service to guests. Locations range from airports and office parks to downtown areas and recreational destinations. Several locations feature revitalized historical buildings. Courtyard has over 800 hotels worldwide. Courtyard participates in the company's award-winning Marriott Rewards® frequent guest program. Members earn their choice of points toward free vacations or frequent flyer mileage for dollars spent at more than 3,000 Marriott hotels worldwide.

For more information or reservations, call the Courtyard San Antonio Northwest at the RIM hotel directly at 210-558-7774, call the Courtyard toll-free number at 800-321-2211, contact a travel agent or visit the web site at [www.courtyard.com](http://www.courtyard.com).

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